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1. ITALIAN PRESS REPORT SAYS ITALIAN AGMIN FERRARI-AGGRADI,
ACCORDING TO UNNAMED DUTCH OFFICIAL, SUGGESTED ITALY MIGHT
UNILATERALLY INCREASE AGRICULTURAL GUARANTEED PRICES TO PRODUCERS
BY SEVEN TO EIGHT PERCENT. (THIS ALSO VERIFIED WITH INFORMED
ITALIAN SOURCE). FERRARI-AGGRADI BELIEVS THIS WOULD AID AND
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APPEASE ITALIAN FARMERS UNTIL ITALY JOINS EC SNAKE AND/OR

DEVALUES LIRA, WHICH WOULD AUTOMATICALLY INCREASE AGRICULTURAL FARM PRICES BY AMOUNT OF DEVALUATION.

2. FERRARI-AGGRADI COMMENTS MADE AFTER DISCUSSIONS WITH FRENCH AND GERMAN AGMINS IN BRUSSELS IN WHICH HE REPORTEDLY ASKED FRENCH AND GERMANS TO REDUCE THEIR EXPORT SUBSIDIES ON DAIRY PRODUCTS, A MOVE WHICH THEY ARE CONSIDERED UNLIKELY TO ACCEPT.

3. ITALIAN AGMIN UNDER GREAT PRESSURE FROM FARMERS (SEE REFTEL) HELP ITALIAN DAIRY FARMERS CAUGHT IN PROFIT SQUEEZE.

4. AGATT DISCUSSED ABOVE WITH IMPORTANT ITALIAN AGRICULTURAL-ORIENTED SENATOR WHO ELABORATED ON PRESENT PREDICAMENT OF ITALIAN AGRICULTURE, SOLUTION FOR WHICH COMPLICATED BY DEMANDS FOR CHEAPER FOODBASKET FROM POLITICAL LEFT. DEMONSTRATIONS BY FARMERS AS REPORTED IN CREMONA (SEE REFTEL) EXPECTED ALSO DURING EUROCARNE IN VERONA, OCTOBER 4-8.VOLPE

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